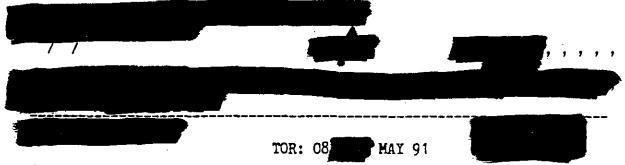
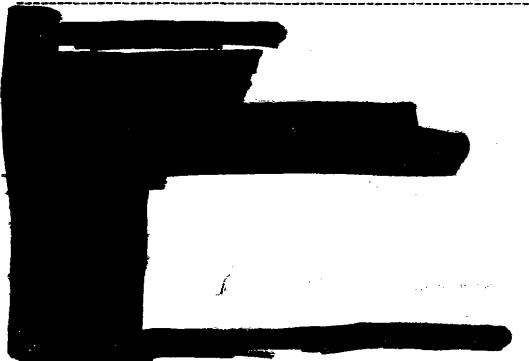


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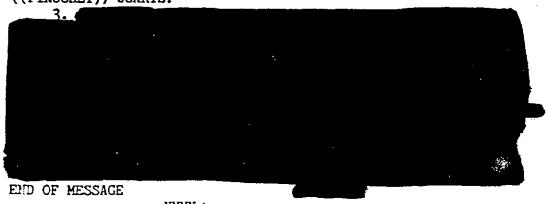
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DESCRIBED COVERNMENT PLANS FOR RESOLVING THE LETELIER CASE. THE GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR THE SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON THE "TEMPORARY STAY OF PROCEEDINGS" (SOBRESEIMIENTO) RULING OF THE MILITARY COURT. THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THE SUPREME COURT TO RULE SHORTLY AND IS OPTIMISTIC A SUPREME COURT JUDGE WILL BE NAMED AS A "SPECIAL JUDGE" (MINISTRO INSTRUCTOR). SHOULD THE SUPREME COURT NOT RULE AS EXPECTED, THE GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN A SEPARATE PROCESS FOR MURDER UNDER THE CURRENT ANTI-TERRORIST LAW. IN THIS OPTION, THE CHILEAN STATE ITSELF WOULD BE THE PLAINTIFF IN THE PERSON OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

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THE GOVERNMENT IS RELYING FOR LEGAL ADVICE PRINCIPALLY ON LUIS ((ORTIZ)), THE PARTNER OF ALFREDO ((ETCHEBERRY)), A PROMINENT LAWYER WHO IN THE PAST HAS SERVED AS A LOCALLY-HIRED U.S. COUNSEL.

Q. THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE
OF THE STRONG PRESSURE BEING EXERTED ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
BY THE U.S. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND THE LAWYERS OF THE U.S.
VICTIM TO SEEK AGAIN THE EXTRADITION OF FORMER NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE (DINA) DIRECTOR GENERAL (RETIRED) MANUEL ((CONTRERAS))
SEPULVEDA TO THE U.S. THE ADVISOR SAID THIS IS LEGALLY
IMPOSSIBLE UNDER CHILEAN LAW AND ALSO WOULD BE SERIOUSLY
DAMAGING TO CURRENT CHILEAN CIVIL/MILITARY RELATIONS,
PARTICULARLY AS IT COULD DELAY THE HOPED-FOR EARLY
RETIREMENT OF ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL AUGUSTO
((PINOCHET)) UGARTE.



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